

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Dallas County Hospital District or a nonprofit corporation formed by the district regarding certain technology or intellectual property owned by or licensed to the district or corporation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 281, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 281.0518 to read as follows:

Sec. 281.0518. DALLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT; AUTHORITY TO SELL OR LICENSE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. (a) The Dallas County Hospital District or a nonprofit corporation formed by the district may:

(1) sell or license technology or intellectual property that is owned by or licensed to the district or a nonprofit corporation formed by the district;

(2) enter into a contract to provide services related to technology or intellectual property sold or licensed under Subdivision (1);

(3) contract, collaborate, or enter into a joint venture or other agreement with a public or private entity to engage in an activity authorized under Subdivision (1) or (2); or

(4) take any other action necessary to protect or benefit from the exclusivity of technology and intellectual property owned by or licensed to the district or a nonprofit

1 corporation formed by the district, including applying for,
2 acquiring, registering, securing, holding, protecting, and
3 renewing under applicable provisions of state, federal, or
4 international law:

5 (A) a patent;

6 (B) a copyright;

7 (C) a trademark, service mark, collective mark,
8 or certification mark; or

9 (D) any other form of protection of intellectual
10 property provided by law.

11 (b) Information prepared or compiled by or for the Dallas
12 County Hospital District or a nonprofit corporation formed by the
13 district relating to the development of technology or intellectual
14 property to which this section applies is exempt from public
15 disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1916 passed the Senate on May 6, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1916 passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor